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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Patrick W. Bartlett  
Serial No.: 10/611,691  
Date Filed: July 1, 2003 File No.: 3755.002  
Title: DEVICE FOR PREVENTING ENTRY OF AN LA: AM2  
UNLEADED GAS FILL NOZZLE IN A  
DIESEL FUEL FILLER NECK

**Mail Stop: Amendment (NO FEE)**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P O Box 1450**  
**Alexandria VA 22313-1450**

**TRANSMITTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 CFR 121**

1. Transmitted herewith is a response to restriction requirement under 37 C.F.R. 121 for this application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicant is a small entity.

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10\***

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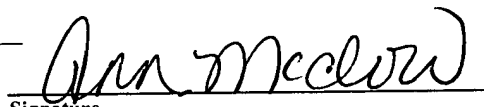
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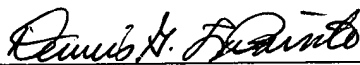
3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

### FEE DEFICIENCY

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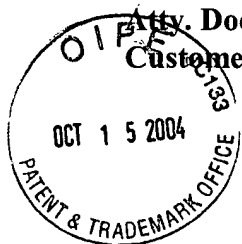
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

The Office Action Summary, mailed September 30, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire October 30, 2004, requires restriction to one of the following alleged patentably distinct species of the claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Fig. 2a;
- II. Fig. 2b;
- III. Fig. 2c;
- IV. Fig. 2e; and
- V. Fig. 4.

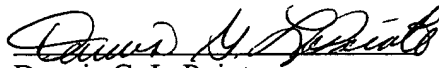
Applicant elects without traverse Group 3, Fig. 2c.

Applicant believes claims 1, 2, 5, 7-17, 20 and 22-25 read thereon.

Applicant also elects with the understanding that should future divisional applications be filed to prosecute the non-elected species and any remaining claims, Applicant will not be presented with a double-patenting rejection for the claims readable on the non-elected species.

Very respectfully,

Dated: 10/15/04

  
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